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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 98,375-C)

In the Application of:)
Mehta et al.)
Serial No.: 09/701,979) Group Art Unit: 1648
Filed: February 12, 2001) Examiner: Z. Lucas
For: METHOD FOR STAINING BIOLOGICAL)
SPECIMENS BY COMBINING UNSTABLE)
REAGENTS ON A MICROSCOPIC SLIDE)

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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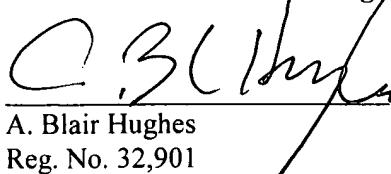
Dear Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application:

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Respectfully submitted,
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